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October 23, 2006

Mr. Stan L. Dixon  
Chairman  
State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection  
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Dear Chairman Dixon:

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) has reviewed the revisions presented in the 15-day public notice for *Road Management Plan, 2006*, circulated October 6, 2006. These comments address those proposed revisions, which will be discussed at the public hearing scheduled for November 8, 2006.

The regulation changes proposed in *Road Management Plan, 2006*, should provide landowners, agencies and the public with a comprehensive planning, implementation and monitoring document that establishes parameters for the prudent, responsible, and economic long-term management of a transportation system for forest resource management across an ownership or several ownerships. CDF anticipates that a Road Management Plan (RMP) achieving this goal would provide long-term planning for the protection, maintenance, enhancement and recovery of forest resources; identify any continuing significant adverse impacts from past road use activities within the area covered under the RMP; and include information necessary to assess cumulative impacts.

CDF appreciates the Board's consideration of our previous comments and the incorporation of our suggested changes into the 15-day notice. CDF met briefly with Board Staff following the October Board meeting to discuss issues of concern raised during review of the previous proposal. The changes proposed in the 15-day notice accurately reflect the proposed changes suggested by CDF. With these changes, CDF supports the adoption of this rule package.

A staff member will be available at the Board meeting to discuss any pertinent issues that may arise.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Crawford Tuttle'.

Crawford Tuttle  
Chief Deputy Director

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